

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR KARA HAHN



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INVESTING IN SUFFOLK'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUTURE

Legislature Adopts 2015-2017 Capital Budget; Funds Vital 5th L.D. Projects



Photo: Suffolk County Legislator Hahn tours the Old Field Farm in Old Field, one of the County facilities that will receive funding through the 2015-2017 adopted Capital Budget.

HAUPPAUGE, NY – The Suffolk County Legislature this week adopted its 2015 to 2017 Capital Program that will fund critical infrastructure and safety improvements on County owned assets over the next three years. As a member of the Capital Budget Working Group, Legislator Kara Hahn

(D-Setauket) and her colleagues worked with the recommendations of County Executive Steve Bellone to craft a spending plan that reinvests in Suffolk County's aging infrastructure, promotes economic development and protects public safety including several high profile projects in the Fifth Legislative District that Legislator Kara Hahn (D-Setauket) advocated for.

Included in the 2015-2017 adopted Capital Budget is funding for:

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Capital Project	Project Name	Project Description
5512	<i>Reconstruction of County Road 97, Nicolls Road</i>	\$600,000 in 2015 for various safety improvements on Nicolls Road - the most heavily traveled roadway in Suffolk County - including the installation of sidewalks on the West side from Route 25A south to Stony Brook University's North Entrance
5597	<i>Connect Long Island</i>	\$800,000 in 2016 for Suffolk County's portion of the planning and design costs associated with the reconstruction of CR 97, Nicolls Road and the Bus-Rapid-Transit (BRT) Initiative.
5903	<i>Construction of the Port Jefferson-Wading River Rails to Trails Pedestrian and Bicycle Path</i>	\$1,617,400 in 2017 for Suffolk County's portion of construction costs for a pedestrian/bikeway path within an abandoned railway right-of-way, which is now owned by PSE&G. The completed trail will run from Port Jefferson to Wading River.
7176	<i>Improvements to Old Field Horse Farm</i>	\$50,000 in both 2015 and 2016 for the continued restoration of historic structures located at the Farm which are in danger of collapse.
New	<i>Expansion of Sewer District #1 – Port Jefferson</i>	\$500,000 in 2016 for planning to address the recommendations of the Port Jefferson Station hub study.

Beyond these important local projects, the Budget also includes funding for replacement of a failing sewage outfall pipe in the Southwest Sewer District; a replacement police medevac helicopter and for construction of a “Net Zero” Renewable Energy Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Center on the campus of Suffolk County Community College that will serve as an incubator to encourage local economic development in renewable technologies.

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“Over the past decade, investments in our critical infrastructure have lagged behind the actual needs. In the adopted 2015 –2017 Capital Program we worked to stop the practice of merely patch up deficiencies in favor of long term solutions,” said Legislator Hahn. “I am proud



Photo: The 2015-2017 Adopted Capital Budget will fund construction of a pedestrian/bikeway path from Port Jefferson to Wading River along an abandoned LIRR line.

to have been a sponsor of this responsible and forward thinking spending package. Together with the County Executive and members of the Working Group, we have committed to stop kicking the can down the pothole ridden road, so to speak, and advanced a plan that delivers on Suffolk County’s true infrastructure needs and lays the groundwork for the future economic development needed to spur job creation for our residents.”

Projects included in the adopted Capital Budget will commence on or after January 1, 2015, which will help build a stronger and more prosperous Suffolk County.

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